<u>**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**</u>

Claim 1 (Currently Amended)   A video composition circuit ~~for receiving plural pieces of video data which are successively inputted in serial order, performing a predetermined video processing for predetermined video data, and combining plural pieces of video data to output composite data,~~ comprising:

a video processing unit <u>(i) receiving</u> ~~to which plural~~ pieces of video data ~~are~~ successively <u>input</u> ~~inputted~~ in serial order, <u>(ii)</u> ~~said video processing unit~~ performing a predetermined video processing <u>to the received pieces of</u> ~~for the inputted~~ video data, and <u>(iii)</u> outputting the <u>pieces of</u> ~~processed~~ video data <u>having the predetermined video processing performed thereon</u>;

a video data composition unit <u>including an α-blending circuit</u> for <u>outputting α-blended video data</u> ~~combining the plural pieces of video data outputted from the video processing unit to output composite data~~; and

an internal <u>a</u>~~a~~ data storage unit for <u>storing the α-blended</u> ~~holding the~~ video data <u>output</u> ~~outputted~~ from the video data composition unit[[;]]<u>,</u>

<u>wherein the video processing unit is operable to (i) receive the pieces of video data from an external storage unit, (ii) receive, from the internal data storage unit, the α-blended video data previously stored in the internal data storage unit, and (iii) perform the predetermined video processing on the received video data and the α-blended video data, and</u>

<u>wherein the</u>~~said video data composition unit~~ <u>α-blending</u> ~~being a~~ circuit ~~having an α-blending function, and combining the~~ <u>combines (i)</u> the α-blended video data previously stored by the internal data storage unit ~~video data read from the data storage unit~~ and <u>(ii)</u> the video data<u> </u>

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currently output ~~outputted~~ from the video processing unit~~, as well as~~ and combines ~~combining~~ the ~~plural~~ pieces of video data output ~~outputted~~ from the video processing unit, ~~thereby~~ to perform ~~performing~~ vertical filtering to the video data successively input ~~inputted~~ in serial order and to the ~~α- blended~~ α-blended video data previously stored in the internal data storage unit.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended)   A video composition circuit as defined in Claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the video processing unit, ~~said~~ the internal data storage unit, and ~~said~~ the video data composition unit are constituted ~~on the same~~ by a single chip.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended)   A video composition circuit as defined in Claim 1, wherein the ~~plural~~ pieces of video data successively input ~~inputted~~ in serial order are main video, sub-video, and OSD video ~~which~~ that is additional information to be displayed simultaneously with the main video and the sub-video.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended)   A video composition circuit as defined in Claim 3 further, ~~including~~

wherein the video composition circuit further includes ~~an~~the external storage unit ~~for holding the plural pieces of video data that are successively inputted in serial order, said external storage unit being~~ that is disposed ~~placed~~ outside the single chip~~; and~~, and

wherein the ~~said~~ video data composition unit reads ~~reading~~ the pieces of video data output ~~outputted~~ from the external storage unit and the α-blended video data ~~which is~~ stored in the internal data storage unit ~~in the chip~~, and subjects the read pieces of video data and the α-

blended video data to ~~subjecting these data to~~ α-blending again.

Claim 5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Currently Amended)   A video composition circuit as defined in Claim 1 wherein ~~said~~ the video data composition unit writes ~~the~~ video data ~~which is~~ obtained as a result of combining the α-blended video data previously stored by the internal data storage unit ~~video data read from the data storage unit~~ and the video data currently output ~~outputted~~ from the video processing unit, over ~~the~~ video data ~~which has~~ previously ~~been~~ stored in the internal data storage unit.